Recovery of Live Shells

1341. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subsequent to shell blast in Ghaziabad, the agencies have recovered live shells in other parts of the country such as Bulandshahar, Aligarh, Kandla Port etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether perpetrators of terrorism are suspected to be involved in these incidents;

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Subsequent to the blast in Ghaziabad. explosives including live bomb shells, semi explosive bomb shells, rockets, grenades, mortar bombs, suspected ordinance devices etc., were recovered in various parts of the country including Bulandshahar. Baghpat, Ghaziabad, Delhi, Navi Mumbai, Nagpur, Ludhiana, Jaipur, Bhavnagar etc.

(c) There are no reports to indicate linkage of recovery of explosives in the imported scrap with the terrorist organizations.

(d) and (e) The Central Government has taken various remedial measures in this regard which *inter-alia* include advisories issued to all States/UTs to (i) step up police vigilance and carry out the necessary screening of the scrap lying in the steel and iron factories to segregate shells/rockets if any, from the scrap, (ii) ensure that rockets, mortars and shells are not dumped by factory owners in public places like roads and river beds and (iii) to render assistance to the customs authorities as and when solicited by them to carry out physical inspection of the scrap lying at the premises of the steel and iron factories. Besides. Ministry of Defence, NSG, BSF and ITBP were also requested to issue general instructions to all their field formations to render assistance, to the extent possible, to the State/UT Governments in detection and disposal of the recovered shells/rockets. The Government has also laid down certain new guidelines and procedures for import of metallic scrap and waste.